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SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATION OF FARMLAND

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1. MEASURES FOR AGRARIAN REFORM WERE INCLUDED IN COMMUNIQUE REPORTING ECONOMIC DECISIONS TAKEN BY PLENARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (SEE SEPTELS). THEY WERE ALSO REFERRED TO BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE IN SEPARATE STATEMENTS.

2. THE MEASURES ANNOUNCED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. EXPROPRIATION OF FARMLAND IN EXCESS OF 500 HECTARES IN NON-IRRIGATED AREAS BUT ADJUSTABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YIELDS. HOWEVER, OWNERS ARE GUARANTEED 500 HECTARES;

B. EXPROPRIATION OF IRRIGATED FARMS IN EXCESS OF 50 HECTARES BUT ADJUSTABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YIELDS. HOWEVER, OWNERS ARE GUARANTEED 50 HECTARES.

3. COMMENT: AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM IS IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH THE AGRICULTURAL SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FEB 21, 1975 (REFTEL) IN RESPECT TO SIZE HOLDINGS PERMITTED, BUT IN LATEST STATEMENT NO MENTION IS MADE OF PAYMENT FOR LAND EXPROPRIATED. HOWEVER, OFFICIAL OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM INSTITUTE INFORMED THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE THAT AT THIS STAGE THE ANNOUNCED REFORM FULLY CONFORMS WITH ANNOUNCED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY PROGRAM (REFTEL) AND THAT LAND OWNERS WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR LAND EXPROPRIATED; AMOUNTS AND MEANS OF PAYMENT ARE YET TO BE DETERMINED.

4. THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT APPLY TO NORTHERN PORTUGAL WHERE SMALL FARM UNITS PREDOMINATE.
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